OYAMA'S SICKLE READY.

A GREAT ARMY IN FIELD.

Strength Put at 550,000 Men, with 2.100 Guns-Rains Light.

Uridiapudze, Manchuria, July 22.-The Japanese armies at present occupy the position of an immense sickle with the handle reaching from a few miles south of Liao-Yang and passing through Chang-Ta-Fu, the blade circling northward toward Kirin, with the tip on the Corean coast, south of Possiet Bay, which is a short distance south of Vladivostok. It is estimated that General Nogi has 80 battalions General Uku 60, General Nodzu 36, General Kuroki 160, General Kamamura 90 and General Hasegawa 120, the battalions averaging a thousand men, which makes the numerical strength of the Japanese 550,000 bayonets, with 2,000 field and mountain guns and about 100 siege guns. The Japanese extreme left is guarded by General Tamura's cavalry division. The Chinese in the Japanese service are in the centre screened by cavalry under the command of General Okihara.

The rains this year have been less heavy than usual, and it will be possible to begin operations sooner than expected.

Japanese cruisers are making demonstrations along the coast in the rear of the Russian forces in Corea, evidently intent on facilitating the advance of General Hasegawa's force by menacing the Russian line of communications.

WEDS TO GET PARISH.

Minister Gratifies Wishes of His New Flock.

When the Rev. Dr. W. E. C. Gumbs, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Huntington, Long Island, learned last week, that a desirable parish, which had been selected for him by the Methodist Conference at Buffalo, would have only a married man as a pastor, he lost no time in wooing and winning a wife.

Mr. Grumbs was attending the conference at the time. Miss Mary Frazier, soprano soloist in his own church, was one of those helping the musical part of the programme, and to remove the difficulty Dr. Gumbs, with his bishop's consent, married the singer immediately.

CASSIE WANTS A RAT TRAP.

Finance to Frenzy. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Cleveland, July 22.-Pestered for months by deputy sheriffs, attorneys and creditors, Mrs. Chadwick now has other troubles. A rat has appeared in her cell in the county jail, and it is making life miserable for her. It generally begins its visits about 7 o'clock in the morning, just when the prisoner is arising, and chases her. She jumps on chairs and utters screams which arouse all the prisoners and bring the deputy sheriffs to the cell.

Mrs. Chadwick to-day appealed to Sheriff Mulhern for a trap, and he promised to buy one on Monday,

MONEY IN BELLY OF CAPTURED SHARK

Fish Yields Treasure Trove When Cut Open by Curious Fisherman.

New-Brunswick, N. J., July 22 (Special) .-Travis Bloodgood had a profitable fishing party | cipals were taken over, one at a time, in closed at Morgans, near here, yesterday. One of the party caught a small shark, which they hauled into the boat. Another fisherman, before leaving for home, asked Mr. Bloodgood to cut the shark open and see if there were any small fish

Bloodgood opened the shark, and to his surprise found a "greenback." When Mr. Bloodgood was asked how large the bill was, he grinned and shook his head. Captain Wood Applegate and several other of the local fishermen declare that this story is true, and they were there when it happened.

"GARDEN OF THE GODS" GIVEN AWAY.

Natural Wonder to Become Part of Colorado Springs System of Parks.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]
Colorado Springs, Col., July 22.—The famous
"Garden of the Gods" will be presented to the city
of Colorado Springs as a part of the city's park

C. E. Perkins, former president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road, has owned the gar den for twenty-five years. He recently spent several hours in consultation with General William J. Palmer, who has given the city 2,000 acres of parks. A survey of the garden has since b made. It is not known whether the gift will be from Mr. Palmer or Mr. Perkins. The area embraces 990 acres of rare rock formations.

BREAK BACHELOR CLUB VOWS.

Members of Celibate Organization Must Pay Fine and Give Supper.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Stamford, Conn., July 22.-Stamford was interested to-day to learn that Cupid has triumphed over two members of a band of thirteen who formed a bachelors' club last summer and formally abjured all thoughts of matrimony for thirteen years. The two members who have fallen from grace are Thomas Reese, president of the club, and Clifton B. Lounsbury, sec-

Mr. Reese's engagement to a Scranton (Penn.) girl, and Mr. Lounsbury's engagement to Miss Mabel F. Webb, daughter of Mrs. Emma Webb, of Summer-st., have been announced. Just as soon as either of the offenders marries he becomes liable to a heavy fine and a supper for the other members under the bylaws of the club.

FIGHTS TOWN WITH RATTLESNAKES.

Medicine Hawker, Arrested, Lets Loose Serpents for Revenge.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Basin, Wyo., July 22.—In revenge for being ar-rested for selling medicine on the sirest without a State license, Dr. Arnold two days ago released wenty-five big rattlesnakes on the streets of Basin just before dark. He escaped from the town afterward on horseback.

Citizens have feared to leave home at night. A grand rattlesnake hunt has gone on every minute of daylight, and many of the big snakes have been teen of them are thoroughbred racers, and some There are, however, enough at large yet to thoroughly frighten everybody. Arnold used the \$3,000 each. box of snakes to draw the crowds, to whom

JAPAN'S INVASION OF SAGHALIEN, SCENE OF PRESENT OPERATIONS IN EASTERN SIBERIA.



FIGHT DESPITE POLICE.

IN N. Y. A. C. MAN'S BARN.

Rodent in Her Cell Rouses Woman of Bout Supposed To Be Held Here Was in Jersey.

The police of the Harlem district, from the 125th-st., 126th-st. and 152d-st. stations were kept busy last night seeking for a boxing match which, it had been rumored, was to be held in the district. They honeycombed the precincts, and it was only after those who were stationed at the Fort Lee ferry woke up that they learned that principals, seconds and spectators had gone across the river, where the fight had been held, to the greatest satisfaction of a hundred or more of sporting proclivities who had stolen a march on the New-York force, as well as on the constabulary of New-Jersey.

There were two preliminary bouts before the main fight, which was a twenty round battle between Spike Robinson, the Harlem featherweight, and Billy Parker, of Boston, known as Chester Goodwin, the New-England featherweight champion.

In automobiles, coaches and hacks the spectators journeyed to the scene of battle. The princarriages, and they met at a hotel in Fort Lee where they were weighed in. Then they were taken by circuitous and varying routes to the fighting ground, which was in a pretentious barn on the estate of Walter Buchanan, of the New-York Athletic Club, just back from the

Members of the New-York Athletic Club, sevfrom Rutland and Birmingham, Vt., were among the spectators. The fight between Robinson and Goodwin,

though scheduled for a score of rounds, lasted only fourteen, when, after being felled to the canvas six times, Goodwin took the count. Before the close of the first round blood was flow-ing freely from Goodwin's right eye. This was rot to the liking of the New-York Athletic Club representatives, most of whom had money on Goodwin, and there were cries of "Go in Chesty!" "Lick him." These were quickly quieted by the referee, who cautioned for

There was a purse of \$150 a side on the bout, and many times this amount changed hands on the result of the fight.

CZAR LEAVES PETERHOF.

Paris Hears of Emperor's Departure on Board Yacht.

Paris, July 23.-Dispatches from St. Petersburg appearing in the newspapers this morning announce that Emperor Nicholas has left on a short cruise aboard the yacht Polar Star. His destination, they say, is unknown.

GOLD IN DUNDY'S CLAIM. Companions Save Her on Edge of

Ore in Which Showman Has Interest Reported Rich.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Omaha, July 22.-A dispatch to-night from Meeteetse, Wyo., says one of the most important gold strikes ever made in Wyoming occurred several days ago in Kerwin, on the Smuggler claim, a controlling interest of which is owned by Elmer E. S. Dundy, of New-York

City, with Mr. Thompson the builder of Luna

Park and the Hippodrome. The news of the

great strike has been suppressed until adjoining claims could be taken up. of the rock by different chemists, and the returns are said to be phenomenal, one lot running \$138,000 to the ton. The vein shows on the surface for three hundred yards. Guards are maintained continually over the ore, which is so rich that a fortune could be carried away easily in one night. A number of different assays have been made

RACEHORSES BOUGHT FOR JAPAN.

Buffalo, July 22.-Representatives of the Japanese government has just bought horses worth \$110,000, at a stock farm at East Aurora, There are thirty-four horses in the deal, and all will be shipped to Japan for breeding. Sevenare stake winners. The average price is about

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A. B. PARKER IN PERIL.

Ex-Judge Exhausted When Grandson Escapes from Drowning.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 22.-Alton Parker Hall, grandson of ex-Judge Alton B. Parker, had a narrow escape from drowning while swimming in the Hudson River with his grandfather at Esopus to-day. He was rescued by Edward Fritz, of Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Parker was swimming with the little fellow on his back when the boy became frightened and suddenly began choking his grandfather. By the time that he released his hold and fell into deep water Judge Parker was thoroughly exhausted for want of breath and could do little to assist the lad.

Fritz, who was on a wharf with his family waiting for a boat, threw off his coat and jumped into the river. The boy was out of sight, but Fritz dived and caught hold of his hand about six feet under water, bringing him to the surface and to the shore. Judge Parker

reached the shore without assistance.

Fritz was taken to Judge Parker's home, Rosemont, supplied with dry clothing and thanked heartily for his timely assistance.

RACE TO BEAT DEATH.

J. Sergeant Cram Rushes from Paris to Sister's Bedside.

J. Sergeant Cram reached the bedside of his sister, Miss Ethel Cram, at Lenox, Mass., yesterday, at 1 o'clock, after an exciting race from France to Liverpool, where he boarded the Cunard liner Campania just twenty minutes eral well known actors, sporting men from Har- before she sailed. Mr. Cram was in Paris when lem and the Tenderloin, as well as a delegation he received a cable message late on Friday from Boston, admirers of Goodwin, and several night, July 14, telling him that Miss Cram had been kicked by a horse. The message said it was then thought she might not live until he reached this country.

Without a moment's delay Mr. Cram prepared to speed across the Atlantic. He learned that the Campania would sail the next morning. He couldn't get a train out of Paris until long after midnight. Meanwhile he sent a message to the Cunard officials that he was coming.

He caught the earliest express out of Paris for Calais, then went by steamer to Dover. There he hired a special train and was taken to Liverpool. He arrived at the Cunard pier just twenty minutes before the hour set for salling. The remaining time he spent in cabling to his friends here.

The Campania reached Quarantine too late to dock Friday night, but Mr. Cram was taken off and brought to the city. Early yesterday morning he took an express over the New-York Central to Richmond. Here a motor car was waiting to take him to Lenox.

It was stated last night that Miss Cram was

no worse. Her condition had not materially changed since the day before, when it was said she might survive.

WOMAN LOST IN MINE.

Seventy-Foot Sump.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Freeland, Penn., July 22.-Miss Florence Everett, of South Amboy, had a narrow escape from death when lost in a coal mine here last night. She was accompanied by Miss Mabel Sossi, of Perth Amboy, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. Parker, of Pond Creek, and John Dusheck and Walter Davis. of Freeland.

They descended to the upper slope of a mine and while moving along the gallery their lamps were extinguished. They could not use matches because of the strong air current. In the excitement Miss Everett became separated from the party. After much difficulty a light was ob-tained and a search for the young woman begun. She was found on the brink of a sump seventy feet deep. The entire party was so badly fright-ened that they abandoned the trip and returned

NEGRO BUILDING AN AIRSHIP.

To Be Unique, He Says-Will Sail at Norfolk Exposition.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Richmond, Va., July 22.—Franklin Perkins, a negro, of Halifax County, son of Levi Perkins, a former slave, is building an airship, which he will exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition, near Norfolk, in 1907.

Perkins is here purchasing material to complete his ship, which is already well advanced. He says that when his airship is exhibited it will be found to be unique. It is his purpose to give daily exhibitions of its flying powers during the exposition.

Bohn's Homeopathic Laxatives keep your liver and intestines active and insure perfect health.— Advt

WOMEN CAUGHT IN RAID

MISS LEWIS LEADS FORCE.

Widow," a Patron.

Mrs. Naomi Ring, formerly known as Mrs. Naomi Duncombe, the richest widow of Mount Vernon, where she owns the opera house and several parcels of real estate, was caught yesterday in a raid on an alleged poolroom in the rear of a florist's store kept by Stephen Massa at Na. 2,548 8th-ave. This is the third time she has been caught in alleged poolrooms. The raid is the result of information supplied

by Mrs. Ring's young husband, Patrick J. Ring. of Mount Vernon, and the work of a wor detective, Harriet D. Lewis, who has of late made herself useful to the Police Department by her knowledge of alleged poolrooms for women.

Ring was married to the Mount Vernon widow two years ago, but they have not lived together. A few days ago Ring went to Police Headquarters and told the police his wife was no longer capable of managing her estate, and that she was being duped by sharks and swindiers. He also intimated to Acting Captain Eggers that she was about the town then, spenher money foolishly. Eggers put Miss Lewis, his woman assistant, on the case. She soon found what she believed to be a woman's poolroom in the rear of the florist store at No. 2.548 Sth-ave. She said yesterday that she had gone to the place several times and placed money on the horses. A few minutes before she gave the signal for the raid she says she placed a bet on Chalfonte.

There were twenty women in the place at the time, and for some minutes the detectives had difficulty in keeping them quiet. Some of them fainted.

A Mrs. Anna Jones, an intimate of Mrs. Ring, was with her at the time. Mr. Ring told s Tribune reporter last night that the Jones woman and Mrs. Ring have been friends for years, rarely missing a race. Both women were expensively gowned when caught, Mrs. Ring wearing jewelry worth \$5,000.

The other women in the place were allowed to go without giving their names.

A man who said he was William Valentine of Yonkers, was arrested and held as a tout, as well as James Martin, of No. 113 West 138th-st; John French, of the Grand Central Hotel, and Stephen Massa, the florist. Martin and French were charged with keeping and maintaining a poolroom, and Massa with permitting the use of premises for fliegal purposes. On Martin \$46 was found, including a marked \$5 bill, and on French \$426, including another \$5 bill marked identification.

Mrs. Ring is the widow of the wealthy brush manufacturer, Alfred Duncombe. He left her his entire property, real and personal, amount-ing to more than \$1,000,000. Since his death she has been spending money lavishly, and ac-quired a taste for the races. Although said to be close on to seventy-four years of age, she dresses with remarkable taste, but does not

dresses with remarkable taste, but does not appear to be more than fifty years old.

Since her husband's death she has been giving Mount Vernon sensation after sensation. Two years ago she married a young man, Patrick J. Ring, who was at one time a champion wrestler. He first became manager of the Mount Vernon Opera House, owned by her; then of her entire property. Then she married him, but they parted soon after. At the time of the marriage she is said to have given Ring a considerable part of her fortune. Ring said last night that she has been "playing the races" every day this season. He said she mortgaged some property some time ago for \$7.500, and it is this she has been squandering. According to the detectives, Mrs. Ring has been caught in raids in alleged poolrooms at various times during the last year.

ing the last year.

Mrs. Ring did not reach her home until late last night. When seen by a reporter she said: last night. When seen by a reporter she said:
You can say for me that my husband is back of the whole thing. He has had women following me, trying to get evidence against me, and give me as much publicity as possible. I received a tip on Chalfont this morning, and went to New-York, with Mrs. Jones, of New-Rocheile. We visited a florist friend of mine, where we placed a bet on the first race. Our horse won, but the amount of my winnings will not repay for the notoriety I will receive. It was my second visit to the place, end if I live to be a hundred I shall never visit such a place again. My husband is responsible for it all. He has been trying everything to ensaare me, and his game to-day was successful. I hope he is glad now. But this will not stop me from playing the races, if I so desire.

Ring was victorious to-day, but after I see my lawyer on Monday I shall probably have something to say about him. His "lady" detective was clever, but she disclosed to me her employer's whole "photo." I might have been in doubt as to who was behind the scheme if that detective had not heen so overzealous to get me.

RUSSIA IN MOROCCAN CONFERENCE. St. Petersburg, July 22.-The government has

instructed its representative at Morocco to communicate to the Sultan Russia's consent to take part in the international conference on Moroc-can reforms as soon as its date and place are

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE EXCURSION. \$11.00 round trip via ERIE RAILROAD July & Tickets good for return August M.-Advt

SHIPS NEAR ANNAPOLIS. BODIES STILL IN HOLD.

Coffin Will Be Transferred to Crew Say Explosion Had Been Academy To-morrow.

Annapolis, Md., July 22.-Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee's squadron, with the body of John Paul Jones on board the Brooklyn, reached a point fifteen miles below Annapolis to-night.

All details of the transfer of the body from the Brooklyn to the Naval Academy have been arranged. The ceremonies are to be simple, the 'pomp and circumstance" being reserved for the time of the removal of the body from the temporary vault into which it will be placed on Monday, to its permanent resting place, the crypt of the fine new Naval Academy chapel. This will likely be a year hence.

Rear Admiral Sigsbee will arrange all the details of the affair on board the ship, and matters connected with the shore exercises will be looked after by Rear Admiral James H. Sands, superintendent of the Naval Academy. Admiral Sigsbee will be in general command of the cortege as senior officer present. The wireless communication between the ships of the squadron and the Naval Academy has been the medium of a complete understanding. The ships of Admiral Sigsbee's squadron to-morrow morning will take up their position just outside Annapolis harbor and about five miles from the Naval Academy wharf, where the French cruiser Jurien de la Gravière is now anchored. At 10 a. m., Monday, the body will be conveyed to a point on the north sea wall of the academy grounds by the naval tug Standish, and as the cortege moves from the landing place fifteen minute guns will be fired by the academy battery. The burial party, after a short march, will be joined by all the officers attached to the academy, attired in white service

The pallbearers will be Rear Admiral James H. Sands, superintendent of the Naval Academy; Rear Admiral Charles H. Davis, commanding the second division of the North Atlantic squadron; Captain Benjamin F. Tilley, commanding the battleship Iowa; Captain E. D. Taussig, commanding the battleship Massachusetts; Captain William H. Reeder, commanding the battleship Alabama, and Captain E. E. Gervais, commanding the French cruiser Jurien de la Graviere. There will be eight body bearers. seamen from the different vessels of the fleet, and eight seamen from the French cruiser will act as honorary body bearers. The escort will consist of four battalions of sallors from the American fleet, a battalion of sailors and marines from the academy and a detachment of Mrs. Ring, "Mount Vernon's Richest fifty sallors from the Jurien de la Graviere. All the midshipmen now at the academy, consisting of the battalion, two hundred strong, formed of the newly admitted members of the fourth class, will parade without arms. The body will then be deposited in the temporary vault, and no considerable crowd is expected by the academy authorities, as there will be little to see. There will be no service, and the whole affair is expected to be over in a quarter of an hour. The chapel in which the body is to find its permanent resting place will in all likelihood not

the French cruiser Jurien de la Graviere, which will represent France on the occasion, arrived off Annapolis shortly before noon, and a salute of twenty-one guns was exchanged with the Naval Academy. Later, visits were exchanged by Captain E. E. Gervals, commanding

changed by Captain E. E. Gervals commanding the vessel, and Admiral James H. Sands, su-perintendent of the Naval Academy. Admiral Sigsbee's fleet was met off the Vir-ginia coast by the battleship squadron of the North Atlantic fleet in two divisions, the first being under the command of Rear Admiral Evans and the second commanded by Rear Ad-miral Davis. The three squadrons approached the Capes together, the vessels under command of Rear Admiral Evans leading and the Davis. Rear Admiral Evans leading and the Davis and Sigsbee squadrons closely following. Admiral Evans's squadron passed into lower Chesapeake Bay at 7:10 a. m. Then came the Sigsbee squadron. Following were the vessels of Rear squadron. Following were the vessels of Rear Admiral Davis's squadron. The Sigsbee and Davis squadrons proceeded immediately up Chesapeake Bay bearing the body of Admiral Jones toward Annapolis, while the vessels of Admiral Evans's squadron said farewell to the other fleets and proceeded to Old Point Comstant Va.

ADMIT YELLOW FEVER.

New-Orleans Officials Make Statement-Forty Suspicious Cases. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

New-Orleans, July 22.—The Louisiana State Board of Health to-night officially admitted that yellow fever was present in New-Orleans. No absolute statement of the number of cases was given out. Dr. Souchen, president of the State Board of Health, said that there had been six deaths "of a susupicious nature" called to the attention of the board, and that there were from thirty to forty suspicious cases in the city. An autopsy was held on one of the Italians who dled at the Charity Hospital to-day, and at the close the physicians announced that death resulted from yellow fever.

The part of the city to which the suspicious disease has been confined has been absolutely isolated, and the houses in which it has originated have been quickly fumigated. There has been no spread of the disease. There is a strong probability that on Monday the State Board of Health will order quarantine against the Central American ports where yellow fever is known to exist. Comparatively few persons are leaving the city, although many of the business men who have homes on the Gulf coast are complaining on account of the Mississippi quar-antine, which shuts them off from their families for an indefinite period.

Pensacola, Fla., July 22.-The State and city boards of health to-day ordered a quarantine against New-Orleans. Freight will be permitted to pass after fumigation, but inspectors are stationed at Flomaton with instructions to allow no persons from New-Orleans to pass.

Houston, Tex., July 22.-State Health Officer Taber last night issued orders to all railroads having lines between New-Orleans and Texas positiveprohibiting the entrance of any person from New-Orleans into Texas.

ANOTHER YELLOW FEVER VICTIM. Washington, July 22.-The Panama Canal Com mission to-day received a cable dispatch from Governor Magoon reporting that John Conian, an Irish employe at Colon, has been stricken with yellow fever.

NEEDS 50,000 FARM HANDS.

New-York Wants "Help," State Information Bureau Says.

thousand farm hands, and they can command wages of from \$150 to \$250 a season," declared C. W. Larmon to-day. Mr. Larmon has charge of the new information bureau in the Department of Agriculture.

WHEREVER CIVILIZATION HAS PENE-TRATED the "Presn" has conveyed the intelligence that the New York Central, with its twelve trains to Chicago every day, is "America's Greatest Rail-coad."—Advt.

JONES'S BODY ARRIVES BENNINGTON DEAD, 60.

Feared-Navy Officials Puzzled.

Total known dead	60
Bodies recovered	53
Bodies in ship compartments	7
Missing (may be drowned)	15
Severely injured	54
Probably fatally injured	6
Probable ultimate total dead	81

San Diego, Cal., July 22.—The death list caused by the boiler explosion on the gunboat Benning ton grew with each passing hour to-day. Instead of lessening the extent of the catastrophe, later details have added to the death list, which may be swelled to fourscore.

This total, if reached, will be made up of the sixty known dead, the six probable victims among the injured and the fifteen men missing. The probability of deaths of injured men is based on the opinion of Dr. M. H. Foster, of the United States Marine Hospital Service, in charge of the medical staff, while the number of missing is given on the statement of Commander Young, who believes the missing men were drowned, and that the waters of the bay

will give up fifteen bodies. The information that Rear Admiral Goodrich commanding the Pacific squadron, had been or dered to San Diego forthwith is taken to mean that an investigation into the causes of the explosion aboard the Bennington will be made with a view to fixing the blame, if there is any,

Captain Drake and Surgeon Smith, both from Mare Island Navy Yard, are in San Diego, the former to direct operations on the wrecked vessel, and the latter to assist in caring for the injured and direct the burying of the dead. With Surgeon Smith came four hospital stewards, whose assistance will be welcomed by the over worked medical corps now in charge.

The Bennington to-night lies deeper than ever in the mud and shallow water on the shores of the bay, and no apparent progress was made in the work of pumping out her flooded compartments. Until this is accomplished the condition of the hold will not be known. It is known, however, that seven bodies are wedged beneath collapsed crown sheets and burst bulkheads of the fireroom. More hodies may be found in the flooded compartments.

BOILER LEAK.

Commander Young Sends Official Statement to Navy Department.

Washington, July 22.-The details of the explosion on the Bennington at San Diego, as ascertained by Commander Lucien Young, were received at the Navy Department at 11:15 o'clock to-night, in a long telegram from the mmander. It appears that a small leak had been discovered in boiler B, and that the boilernaker was on his way to repair it, and was passing through the engine room when the explosion occurred. The dispatch follows:

I have employed stevedores and laborers from shore and am making every effort to stop leaks and to recover dead still under wreckage and bollers. I believe principal leak is at bottom below pipe, and leak under rudderhead. Many seams chaken loose and leaking. Ship at high tide is filled with water two feet

above main deck on lower side. Fire engine was employed last night to pump out water, but was sful. I am now rigging hig centrifugal pump. Hope will be able to pump out water.
I am of the opinion that the cause of the ac cident, so far as I can ascertain, was a small leak in boller B. A bollermaker was on his way to repair it and was passing through the engine room when the accident occurred. Boiler B was forced to stern through its bulkhead and came in contact with boiler D, which was also forced through its bulkhead, and both boilers exploded, with two close explosions.

There was no noise, only a thick thud, which filled the ship from stem to stern full of scald-ing steam, soot and ashes, even so much so ing steam, soot and ashes, even so much so that the main deck was uninhabitable, and those that were not blown overboard jumped overboard for air, and, in my opinion, many of these were drowned, for I still have seventeen missing that cannot be accounted for.

Men quartered at the San Diego barracks, where they are very comfortable, retaining a guard and relief guard on board. The wounded are scattered around in the three hospitals, and those but slightly wounded in private well.

are scattered around in the three hospitals, and those but slightly wounded in private residences. Doctor Foster, Marine Hospital Service, has charge of a force of efficient doctors, who are doing all in their power for the wounded. Doctor Kneedler, army resident physician, has a few at the San Diego barracks, and is doing all in his power for them.

THE DISASTER A MYSTERY.

Expert Naval Engineers Wholly Unable to Account for It.

[FROM THE TRIBUNE PUREAU.] Washington, July 22.—To-day's dispatches re-ceived in Washington do not throw much light on the fearful disaster on board the Bennington Taking the case as it is described in the official advices and the news dispatches, there is little to show why the explosion should have occurred. It is well nigh unprecedented in marine records, and stands practically alone, save in the instance of the old Princeton, as a botler explosion on board ship. The naval engineers on duty in Washington could only conjecture as to the cause, which may never be known definitely.

One explanation was to the effect that the furnace may have come down, bringing away the tube sheet from the tubes and so liberating a large quantity of water under heavy pressure. Going further back, there is still conjecture an to why there should be a breaking down of the furnace, but it is theorized that this might have been caused by scale. It is likely that all evidence of such foreign material adhering to the furnaces or bollers would be removed by the steam and hot water which must have deluged

the fireroom. Of course, a botler explosion, it is conceived, ould be the result of gross neglect of the bollers and furnaces for a long time, but under the system of naval inspection and other governmental restrictions imposed on seagoing vessels, it is hardly likely that such a condition would arise on board the Bennington. The planation made by Ensign Charles T. Wade, who was the engineer officer of the vessel, does not throw much light on the situation beyond showing-what was hardly thought to be possiblethat two of the four boilers had exploded. This Albany, July 22 .- "New-York State wants fifty may have been due to a shock contact between the head of one boller and some part of the adjacent boiler which was under steam.

Another theory was that there was a breaking of the steam pipe connecting the two bollers and

NORTHERN NEW-YORK BROUGHT

NEARER.